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Mr. Timothy A. McKeever
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RE: MUR 5576
New Democrat Network; Tony Knowles
for U.S. Senate and Leslie D. Ridle, in her
official capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. McKeever:

The Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated October 18, 2004, and your supplement to the complaint dated October 20, 2004, and found that on the basis of the information provided therein, and information provided by the respondents, there is no reason to believe that the New Democrat Network violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and there is no reason to believe that Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate and Leslie D. Ridle, in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) or 434. Accordingly, on April 25, 2006, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

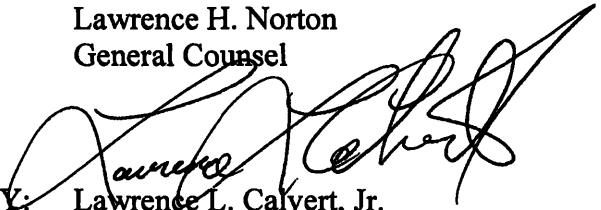
Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel


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Enclosure
First General Counsel's Report

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